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1. The East China Military Area (ECMA) has obtained replacements for units of the Chinese Volunteer Army in Korea by drawing them individually from various regiments and battalions of the field army units stationed in East China, thereby depleting their strength. This will be remedied by a second round of applications from peasants who have volunteered since last October¹ to join the army. The present recruiting objective is to obtain sufficient volunteers to organize 35 replacement training regiments, each with a strength of 1,500 men. The military and political cadre personnel of company grade and higher for these regiments will be transferred from units assigned to the ECMA and to the 3 Field Army. These will be supplemented by 350 men per regiment from troop units assigned to the military districts and from militia units.
2. Quotas, based on the present population, land reform conditions, number of persons already recruited, and similar factors, have been established as follows:
 - a. The Shantung Military District, with 11 military sub-districts, will recruit 6 regiments.
 - b. The Chekiang Military District, with 9 military sub-districts, will recruit 9 regiments.
 - c. The Fukien Military District, with 8 military sub-districts, will recruit 6 regiments.
 - d. The South Kiangsu Military District, with 4 military sub-districts, will recruit 4 regiments.
 - e. The North Kiangsu Military District, which contains 4 military sub-districts, will recruit 2 regiments.
 - f. The South Anhwei Military District, which contains 3 military sub-districts, will recruit 3 regiments.
 - g. The North Anhwei Military District, with 6 military sub-districts, will recruit 5 regiments.

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3. During the period of replacement training, these regiments will uniformly be designated as the "Newly Organized No. ___ Replacement Training Regiment." These designations will be abolished as the personnel of these regiments are assigned as replacements in other units. Their training will include the use of 7.9 mm rifles, 7.9 mm light machine guns, and 60 mm trench mortars. A very small number of American-made carbines and semi-automatic rifles, and Canadian-made Thompson guns (sic) which have been captured from the Nationalists will also be used in training. No other modern weapons are available to train these replacements.
4. It is expected that these replacement regiments will have been trained and their members assigned to permanent units before March 1952.

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